THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) BHEL has not received such a demand. However, certain enquiries in respect of gas turbine have been received by BHEL.

(b) Does not arise.

Observations of C&AG on PSUs

800. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has criticised 97 public sector units whose losses in 2000-01 have increased by 33.8 per cent from the losses in 1999-2000; and

(b) the steps being taken to streamline working of the loss making units to make them viable?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) According to Report of the CAG of India for the year ended March 2002 Union Government (Commercial), Public Sector Undertakings, Review of Accounts, No. 1 of 2003 which was placed in both the Houses of Parliament on 24.4.2003, the accumulated losses in 97 public sector units has increased from Rs. 45,527 crore in 1999-2000 to Rs. 60,996 crore in 2001-02 (i.e. by 33.98%).

(b) Enterprise specific steps are taken by the management of the CPSU and concerned administrative Ministry/Department for improving their working. The steps taken to streamline working of loss making units include periodical review of performance by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department, referring sick CPSUs of the BIFR for formulation of revival/rehabilitation plan, business and financial restructuring, formation of joint ventures, infusion of fresh funds, improved marketing strategies, cost control measures, manpower rationalization, purchase preference for goods and services etc.